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AMERICANS ABOARD TORPEDOED SHIPS

CAROLINIANS ABOARD MARINA
AND ROWANMORE SUNK BY
GERMAN SUBMARINE.

GRAVEST SINCE THE SUSSEX

State Department Will Not Form an
Opinion Until Complete Official Re-
ports are Received—Seventy of the
Crew of 104 Are Reported Missing.

Washington.—Preliminary reports of the sinking by German submarines of the British steamers Marina and Rowanmore, partly manned by Americans, including four Carolinians, were too incomplete to enable officials at the state department to form an opinion as to whether there had been a violation of neutral rights or of pledges given the United States by Germany. The Carolinians reported aboard the Marina were J. G. Baird, Jr., of Charlotte; Geo. F. Sedberry, Fayetteville, N. C.; P. C. Davis, of Wake Forest, N. C.; and Thomas J. Brannigan, of Charleston, S. C.

Secretary Lansing declined to comment further than to admit that he reports appeared more serious than the usual routine dispatches announcing the destruction of belligerent merchantmen and that full information would be awaited with interest.

In its face, the case of the Marina, reported by Consul Frost at Queenstown, presents the gravest situation that has arisen since the sinking of the channel liner Sussex, which brought the American and German governments to the verge of a break. Although he cautioned that his information was purely "provisional," the consul cabled that the Marina, a "horse transport with a mixed crew of British and Americans," was reported sunk without warning by Germans west of Cape Clear, and that 70 of the crew of 104 were missing.

Another message from Mr. Frost said members of the crew of the Rowanmore, including Americans, had been shelled in their boats while abandoning the ship after being chased by a submarine for 50 minutes. There were no casualties.

According to the Newport News agents of the Marina's owners, the Donaldson Line, the vessel, with some 50 American horse herders aboard, was not under charter to the British government as a transport, but was engaged in her regular trade as a freighter and carried horses for the Allies as part of her general cargo. Under such circumstances she would be entitled to all the immunities of any other belligerent-owned merchantman and an enemy destroying her and her contraband cargo would be required to make due provision for safety of the ship's company unless she was sunk in act of attempting to escape.

FAIRBANK'S MOTHER DIES UNEXPECTEDLY.

Aged Parent of Republican Vice Presidential Candidate Fatally Stricken Shortly After Taking Motor Ride. Indianapolis, Ind.—Mrs. Mary Fairbanks, mother of Charles W. Fairbanks, died unexpectedly here at his home.

Mrs. Fairbanks, who was 87 years old, had been in good health and took a long motor ride in the afternoon. Late at night she became suddenly ill and died within a few minutes.

Mrs. Fairbanks had a home at San Diego, Cal., but divided her time with her son here. She is survived by four sons and a daughter, Charles Warren Fairbanks of this city, W. D. Fairbanks and Luther M. Fairbanks of Louisville, Newton Fairbanks and Mrs. M. L. Milligan of Springfield, O.

\$32,000 PAY CAR BANDIT LEADER PLEADS GUILTY

Detroit, Mich.—James Walton, confessed leader of the gang that held up and robbed a pay car of the Burroughs Adding Machine Company of \$32,000 here August 24, pleaded guilty in recorder's court and was remanded to jail to await sentence.

DEWEY'S FLAGSHIP TO BE RECOMMISSIONED

Charleston, S. C.—The historic cruiser Olympia, Dewey's flagship in the battle of Manila Bay, which has been lying out of commission at the Charleston Navy Yard for three or four years, was recommissioned for active service with Capt. B. B. Bierer commanding. The Olympia will be the flagship of the cruiser squadron in San Domingo waters, supplanting the transport Prairie now used by Rear Admiral Pond.

175,000 MEN RESTORING PEACE, GARCIA DECLARES

New York.—An army of 175,000 loyal men, well equipped, provisioned and clothed, is now under command of General Carranza and satisfactory progress is being made toward a restoration of peace in Mexico by the breaking up and exterminating of the different "bandit" organizations, according to Andres G. Garcia, inspector general of consulates for the de facto government of Mexico who arrived here from El Paso.

RUMANIANS FALL BACK FROM DANUBE

TEUTONIC ALLIES CROSSING
DANUBE ON MANY PONTOON
BRIDGES.

FRENCH GAINING IN SOMME

On the Transylvania Front the Russians and Rumanians Are Apparently Operating Successfully Against the Teutonic Allies.

London.—Aside from the continued progress of the Teutonic Allies in the Dobrudja region of Rumania and fresh gains by the French and British in the Somme region of France, there is little if any change in the situation in any of the various theaters of the war. The Rumanians and Russians in Debrudja are still in retreat before the German, Bulgarian and Turkish troops who are now endeavoring to make their way across the Danube at various points on pontoon bridges, according to the Sofia War Office.

On the Transylvania front the Russians and Rumanians apparently are operating successfully against the Teutonic Allies near the junction of Bukovina, Transylvania and Rumania, and to the south near Campulung and in the Jiul Valley have gained successes over them. In the fighting in the Jiul Valley the Rumanians are declared by Bucharest to have captured two Howitzer batteries which latter were turned against the Austro-Germans. According to Berlin the Teutons have made additional gains south of Kronstadt and in the direction of Campulung.

Following up their advantage of Saturday the British captured another German trench Sunday northeast of Les Boeufs in the Somme region.

BORDER CONTROL CHARGES DENIED; INCIDENT CLOSED.

Administration Officials Relieved to Receive News; Alleged Author of Criticism Says He Did Not Authorize Statement.

Washington.—What promised to be a new source of serious friction between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico apparently was cleared away through formal repudiation by Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican Ambassador designate, of a statement issued here under the name of Luis Cabrera, assailing the American government for permitting aid to reach Villa and other bandits from his side of the border.

Mr. Arredondo went to the state department with the explanation that the statement was put out by an employee of the Mexican news bureau, the de facto government's semi-official publicity agency, without the knowledge or consent of either the Embassy or Mr. Cabrera. This was accepted by the department and the incident was closed.

INVASION OF BRITISH ISLES IS POSSIBLE.

London.—Field Marshal Viscount French, commander-in-chief of the armies in the United Kingdom, addressing the volunteers at Derby, said that an invasion of the British Isles was not a mere supposition, but a possibility. This they must be prepared to meet.

PROMINENT RAILROAD FINANCIER DEAD.

Chicago.—Charles Wilcox Hotchkiss well known in financial and railroad circles is dead at Battle Creek, Mich., of organic heart disease. He was 53 years old. He was chairman of the board of directors of the Virginian Railroad.

NORTH CAROLINA CAVALRYMAN KILLED.

El Paso, Texas.—Private Lee Furtie of Troop A North Carolina Cavalry, was killed in his tent while writing a letter, by the accidental discharge of his pistol. He enlisted at Mount Island, N. C.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH NOT TO BARGAIN AWAY INHERITANCES.

Atlanta.—The Bishops of Southern Methodist Episcopal church, in "view of some things that have been said and repeated on public platforms and public prints," issued statement setting forth position of the church on question of uniting with two other Methodist bodies, in which it declared that "we are not ready to bargain away any of the great inheritances and glorious memories of other years for any consideration."

KOERBER TO SUCCEED AS AUSTRIAN PREMIER.

Vienna, via London.—It may be accepted as certain that Dr. von Koerber, now Austrian Hungarian minister of finance, will succeed the late Count Karl Stuergh as premier. Dr. von Koerber was received by the emperor and went to Budapest to confer with Count Tisza. Should Dr. von Koerber accept, his successor in the financial ministry probably will be Dr. von Spitzmuller, now minister of commerce.

EFFECT OF THE HIGH COST OF LIVING



COTTON GINNING REPORT

GOVERNMENT REPORT PLACES
THE AMOUNT AT 7,291,733
BALES.

Census Bureau's Cotton Statistics
Show More Than 1915 But Less
Than 1914.—Texas Shows Increase.
Report of 1915 and 1916.

Washington.—Cotton ginned prior to October 18 was 7,291,733 bales, compared with 5,708,730 for 1915 and 7,619,747, the Census Bureau announced. Round bales included were 133,659 and Sea Island 64,931.

The number of bales ginned, by States, and last year's ginning to the same date, follow:

State.	1916	1915
Alabama	292,815	556,086
Arkansas	669,827	283,423
California	6,852	4,272
Florida	32,845	32,165
Georgia	1,216,762	1,178,045
Louisiana	320,082	223,063
Mississippi	446,171	421,663
North Carolina	252,523	264,935
Oklahoma	489,782	66,255
South Carolina	508,589	581,667
Tennessee	172,216	79,353
Texas	2,845,440	2,001,416
All other states	36,829	16,387

RUMANIANS BLOW UP BIG BRIDGE OVER DANUBE RIVER.

London.—Except for the announcement that the Rumanians before their retreat from Tchernavoda blew up the big bridge spanning the Danube river, thereby placing an obstacle in the way of the advance of the Teutonic Allies from Dobrudja into old Rumania, little fresh knowledge of the real situation in that sector of the war has been vouchsafed by any of the war chancelleries.

Petrograd asserts the force of the violent blows which Field Marshal von Mackensen had been delivered in his rapid drive northward in Dobrudja has slackened somewhat although Berlin says the Teutonic Allies still are making progress against the Rumanians and Russians.

Along the Transylvania front the Rumanians and Austro-Germans are still engaged in hard fighting. Berlin reports that in the Trotus Valley, south of Parotitz and on the roads to Sinaya and Campulung, the Central Powers have met with further successes. On the other hand, Bucharest asserts that the Austro-Germans have been driven from the entire western front of Moldavia, northern Rumania, suffering heavy casualties and that in the Uzul and Otuz Valleys the Rumanian arms also have been successful.

NEUTRALITY BREACH BY U. S. WARSHIPS HINTED BY BRITISH.

London.—Some utterances of the feeling that the activity of American warships in rescuing passengers from the vessels sunk by the German submarine U-53 off the American coast amounted to a breach of neutrality were made in the House of Lords by Baron Bessford and Baron Sydenham.

Lord Bessford is recognized as the spokesman for the Navy in the House of Lords and Lord Sydenham's varied activities has included the authorship of books on naval affairs. Similar opinions have been expressed by some of the newspapers and public men as well as by naval officers and the matter was brought up for discussion by requests for information from Foreign Secretary Grey, regarding the American policy and possible action by the British Government.

NO PAPER SHORTAGE REPORTED IN GERMANY AT PRESENT.

Berlin.—The threatened paper famine which months ago caused cries of distress among the publishers, appears now to be a thing of the past. Claiming a shortage of labor and high wages the manufacturers have sharply advanced prices since the outbreak of the war and the publishers several months ago reduced the number of pages to save expenses. The government inaugurated a propaganda for the economical use of paper.

VILLA AGAIN IS MANAGE

SKIRMISHING BETWEEN BANDIT'S
ADVANCE TROOPS AND GARRI-
SON SOLDIERS.

Reported That Chihuahua City Has
Fallen.—Carranza Consul Denies Re-
port.—8,000 Men Are Sent to Rein-
force the Garrison.

San Antonio, Texas.—Persistent reports of the fall of Chihuahua City to the Villa forces, which have been current here, have not been confirmed in advice to Southern department headquarters of the United States Army. Major General Funston, questioned regarding the reports, said that so far as he knew they were not true.

Washington.—Mexican Consul Garcia at El Paso, Texas, telegraphed the Mexican Embassy here that he had been advised by General Trevino of the arrival at Chihuahua of troop trains bringing about 8,000 men under General Maycotte to reinforce the garrison.

An earlier message from the Consul said he had just received information from General Trevino denying that he intended to evacuate Chihuahua and declaring he did not fear an attack. Chihuahua City, Mexico.—Skirmishing between General Garlos Ozuna's advanced forces and those of Francisco Villa continued, although the general engagement is being delayed by General Trevino until all of his troops have been placed in strategic positions in Western Chihuahua.

The excitement caused by the approach of the Villa forces has been quieted and the concentration of 8,000 troops here has restored the feeling of security among the inhabitants. Two military trains carrying a part of General Maycotte's command from Torreon arrived here.

General Trevino authorized the Associated Press to make an official denial of the rumors that he was preparing to evacuate the city. He characterized these rumors as "malicious inventions."

General Trevino stated that the situation in the field and in Chihuahua City was entirely satisfactory.

"Any fear that Chihuahua City will be captured by bandits is simply absurd," he said.

TWO BATTLESHIPS EXPECTED TO BE BUILT IN SOUTH.

Navy Department Opens Bids For Constructing Colorado, Maryland, Washington and West Virginia.

Washington.—Bids for the four new battleships Colorado, Maryland, Washington and West Virginia were opened at the Navy Department and indications were that the construction of two would be awarded to the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., and that the other two would be built by the Fore Shipbuilding Company, of Quincy, Mass.

While all of the tenders show the heavy increase in prices during the abnormal conditions of the shipbuilding industry, they were within the Department's limit of cost, and it is virtually certain that the Government itself will not construct any of these craft or of the 20 destroyers for which offers also were received.

NEW \$300,000,000 LOAN TO BRITISH ANNOUNCED.

New York.—Official announcement was made by J. P. Morgan & Co., that a new British loan by American bankers, aggregating \$300,000,000 had been arranged. It will bear interest at 5 1/2 per cent and is payable in two installments, one of three years and one of five years.

ALLIES DOMINATE RAW MATERIALS ESSENTIAL IN U. S.

Washington.—Domination by the Allied Nations of the world's raw materials which are essential to American manufactures has been proved conclusively to officials here by the completion of a comprehensive summary of British trade policies as to imports into this country. As a result the recent Paris Economic Conference of the Entente Powers is regarded here with far greater disquiet than before.

SINK 11 STEAMERS IN ENGLISH CHANNEL

GERMAN TORPEDO BOAT SQUAD-
RON STAGE RAID.—DO MUCH
DAMAGE.

RETURN SAFELY TO BASE

Flotilla Reaches German Waters
After a Raid Through the Straits of
Dover in the Line Folkestone, Bou-
logne in English Channel.

Berlin, via London.—At least 11 out-post steamers and two or three torpedo boat destroyers or torpedo-boats were sunk or damaged by a German torpedo-boat squadron in the English Channel between Folkestone and Boulogne, according to an official communication issued here.

The communication says: "Parts of our torpedo forces moved from a German bay Thursday night, through the straits of Dover and Calais to the line of Folkestone-Boulogne, in the English Channel."

"According to the report of Commander Michaelson at least 11 out-post steamers and two or three destroyers or torpedo-boats were sunk, partially or totally, near hostile ports. Some members of the crews who were saved were captured."

"Several other guarding vessels and at least two destroyers were heavily damaged by torpedoes and artillery fire. Also the English post steamer Queen was sunk south of Folkestone, the crew having time to leave the ship."

"In the channel near the Farnel Lightship there was a striking active traffic by hospital ships."

"Our torpedo-boats safely returned to German waters without any loss."

FORCE OF 11,000 TROOPS NOW GARRISON CHIHUAHUA CITY.

Five Aeroplanes and Two Aviators
Ready For Use Against Villa.—Rail-
road Bridges and Tracks Torn Up
By Bandits.

El Paso, Texas.—Chihuahua City is now garrisoned by a force of 11,000 men, according to a Carranza official who arrived here from that city. He said General Maycotte recently arrived at Chihuahua City from Torreon bringing five aeroplanes, two English aviators and a force of Carranza troops for use against Villa.

An ore train was burned, railroad bridges were destroyed and the track of the Mexican Central Railroad cut by bandits near Arta.

The American also brought a report that Villa's troops were planning to attack Parral, Jimenez, Santa Rosa and Torreon soon.

Bandits under the command of Villa are operating trains on the western division of the Mexico North-western Railroad, between Santa Ysabel and San Antonio, a report received by government agents here stated. Villa, according to the same source, now has approximately 4,000 men, some of whom are not armed.

LETTERS MAY GO BY AIR, NEW YORK TO CHICAGO.

Buffalo, N. Y.—The United States Army, Navy and Postoffice Departments are vitally interested in a proposed non-stop mail-carrying flight between Chicago and New York to be attempted by Victor Carlstrom, American aerial pathfinder.

The Army and Navy Departments will take official cognizance of the flight because Carlstrom will use a Curtiss biplane like those being tried out by the Army aerial corps.

LIQUOR ADS IN PAPERS SOLD AGENTS FINED.

Jackson, Miss.—Two local news agents, charged with selling copies of a Chicago newspaper containing a liquor advertisement were fined \$50 each by the police judge here, but the fines were remitted on the promise of the agent that in the future they would delete such advertisements before offering the papers for sale.

VILLA GETTING ARMS FROM U. S. IS CLAIM.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Reports that arms and ammunition had been smuggled into Mexico from the United States and instances of the Mexican revolutionaries that the United States Government take steps to check the assistance they declare Villa and other bandits are receiving from persons on this side of the border featured the discussions of the Mexican-American Joint Commission at the close of the month's conference.

\$1,000,000 TO PREPARE TROOPS CAMPS IN WINTER.

San Antonio, Texas.—More than a million dollars has been made available by the War Department for providing winter quarters for troops on the border. Southern department headquarters was advised to this effect and ordered to proceed with work at once. Cantonments are to be erected for troops of the regular army engaged in border duty and provision has been made for framing and flooring the tents of national guard troops.

WARY MANUFACTURE PAPER

Newspaper Men May Build Co-Operative Factory—Hold Conference in Columbia.

Columbia.—At an informal conference of newspaper editors and publishers held in Columbia, it was decided to call a meeting of the South Carolina Press Association at which the shortage of news print paper will be considered. The meeting will be held November 10 at 2 p. m., the place of meeting to be announced. The situation concerning news print paper is considered serious by the editors of the state and steps may be taken looking to relief.

A committee was appointed at the conference to confer with officials of the Coker paper mills at Hartsville and J. E. Kocher, veneer manufacturer of Columbia, to see if either might offer relief. It was brought out that a paper famine is expected. H. J. McLaurin of Sumter has been invited to appear before the association and outline his plans for the establishment of a paper mill in South Carolina. A mill was recently opened in the state of Louisiana.

O. K. Williams of Rock Hill, J. L. Mims of Edgefield and W. J. Erwin of Chester were named as members of a committee to prepare a statement as to conditions. The price of paper has greatly increased in cost and it was brought out that manufacturers are declining contracts from substantial customers.

The editors gave consideration to the organization of a co-operative paper manufacturing company to supply the papers of the state. The plant would cost about \$70,000, it was estimated and this amount, the proponents say, would be saved in two years.

R. C. Wright of Columbia told of his investigation into the paper situation. He said that the paper mills are unable to fill their orders.

It is probable that it will be necessary to increase the subscription rates of the county papers. A. B. Jordan, editor of the Dillon Herald, in a letter to the conference stated that it would be necessary for him to increase the price of his paper from \$1 to \$1.50 a year. It may also be necessary to increase the advertising rates.

Among the editors attending the conference were: Hubert Octon of the Sumter Item, Ed H. DeCamp of the Gaffney Ledger, W. J. Erwin of the Chester Reporter, J. L. Mims of the Edgefield Advertiser, Wigfall Cheatham of the Edgefield Chronicle, J. H. Hamel of the Kershaw Era, Harold C. Booker of the Spartanburg Journal, F. C. Withers of The State, R. C. Wright of the Columbia Record, M. L. Farrell of the Lutheran Survey and William Banks of the Columbia Record. Present also was C. C. Muller of The State Company, Columbia, president of the South Carolina Master Printers' Association.

New Buildings at Florence.

Florence.—The new buildings at the fair grounds that are to take the place of the building that was burned are almost complete now, and there is no doubt about their being complete in time for the reception of the exhibits. Work has been rushed with all speed but not at the expense of good work. The building will be substantial and well equipped for their uses.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS ITEMS.

The sixth annual Orangeburg county fair will be held in Orangeburg on November 14, 15, 16, 17. The outlook for this fair is most encouraging and it is thought that the attendance record of all county fairs will be exceeded this time.

At the conference of Charities and Corrections to be held in Charleston November 14, 15 and 16, the general theme for discussion will be "Organization for Social Service in South Carolina."

Willie Bethune, the Clarendon county negro who was to have been electrocuted last Friday, obtained a stay of sentence through further court proceedings. Bethune has been under death sentence for some time for the killing of a white man.

The Mutual Securities corporation of North Charleston has been chartered by the secretary of state with a capital of \$75,000. The officers are: W. H. Mixson, president; J. H. O'Hear, vice president; and E. H. Jennings, secretary and treasurer.

Nearly 100 prizes in the field crop departments of the state fair were awarded to three exhibitors, G. N. Nickles of Due West held first rank in the number of individual premiums, he earning a total of 31 prizes. G. B. Wingard & Son of Lexington stood second with 29, and H. H. Eleazer of Irmo third with 28.

G. McDuffie Hampton, John G. Richards and Frank W. Shealy, members of the railroad commission, will go to Washington early in November to attend the annual meeting of the national association of railroad commissioners.

E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture, has gone to Shadow Lawn this week to invite President Wilson to attend a conference of the commissioners of agriculture of the United States at Norfolk early in December.

South Carolina Wesley Bible Class federation will meet in Columbia with Washington Street Methodist Episcopal church, South, about April 1, 1917. Work on the 28 foot channel up the Cooper river to Charleston to the navy yard will start shortly, as a big dredge belonging to the contract company, has arrived to commence the digging task.

RE-ELECT KIRVEN FOR THIRD TERM

STATE FAIR SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTS OFFICERS.

REPORTS ARE ENCOURAGING

History of the Organization Has Been Compiled and Published.—Several Vacancies Filled.

Columbia.—J. N. Kirven, who has been directing the leadership of the State Agricultural and Mechanical society into progressive channels during the last two years, was unanimously reelected president of this organization. A. B. Langley of Columbia, member of the executive committee from the Seventh congressional district, was made vice president to succeed Ben F. Taylor, who asked that his name be not considered for this office. S. J. Summers, M. D., of St. Matthews was made a member of the executive committee from the Seventh congressional district to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Mr. Langley. The secretary and treasurer will be elected by the executive committee at its midyear meeting next February. The remaining six members of the executive committee were retained. These are:

First district, Benjamin McInnis, M. D., Charleston; Second, R. B. Watson, Ridge Spring; Third, T. J. Kinard, Ninety-Six; Fourth, John D. W. Watts, Laurens; Fifth, B. H. Boykin, Boykin; Sixth, Bright Williamson, Darlington.

At the outset Mr. Kirven explained that the fair just now was "in the best condition financially and otherwise it had ever been," adding, "And we now have on the best fair we have ever held." In substantiation of his claims, a comparison of the attendance records of one year ago with those of this season was made. "The attendance last year was the largest we ever had. On Monday of the present fair the figures exceeded those of the corresponding day of last year by 28 per cent; Tuesday they were 11 per cent in excess of that day one year ago; while Wednesday they were 80 per cent."

Another interesting feature of the annual meeting was the report of the committee, appointed several years ago, to prepare and publish a complete history of the society. W. A. Clark, chairman of the committee, explained that 300 copies of this 320 page history had been issued from the presses and were now being distributed. Collaborators with Mr. Clark in the task of providing a permanent record of the society were W. G. Hinson of James Island and D. P. Duncan of Union.

In assembling data necessary for the publication of the volume, the committee has collected copies of able addresses on agricultural subjects in ante-bellum days. The society desires to preserve these also and an appropriation of \$50 was ordered to defray clerical expenses in pressing this work.

Teachers Select Columbia.

Columbia.—Columbia was selected as the next convention city of the State Teachers' Association. The executive committee, meeting at Jerome hotel, accepted an invitation extended by E. S. Dreher, superintendent of the public schools, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and the educational institutions of the city.

"Two thousand for the Columbia meeting" is the slogan that has been adopted. Last year when the convention was held here, there were 1,600 teachers in attendance.

Educators of national reputation will be on the program. This is a feature which will be emphasized at this convention.

The date for the convention was not set by the executive committee, but it will be some time in March. Those present were: William C. Bynum, Georgetown, president; R. C. Burks, Rock Hill, secretary; W. E. Black, Lexington, treasurer, and W. W. Nickles, Greenwood, member of executive committee.

Bonds for School Building.

Spartanburg.—At a meeting of the patrons of the Walker school district in this county, which was held a short while ago, it was voted to erect a \$20,000 school house in that district. At a recent meeting of the people of the district, J. B. Lee of this city, offered to give the district several acres of land, provided a good school building should be erected soon on it. The citizens, who met soon after, voted to issue bonds for the erection of the school. The vote was unanimously in favor of floating bonds.

Architects in Session.

Columbia.—The South Carolina Association of Architects was merged with the South Carolina chapter of the American Institute of Architects. This makes the South Carolina chapter of the American Institute of Architects the largest in the south. E. D. Sompayrac was elected president; D. C. Barbot of Charleston, vice president; N. G. Walker of Rock Hill, secretary-treasurer, and the executive committee will consist of these officers and A. W. Todd of Charleston and George E. LeFay of Columbia.